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SUBJECT: KAHANE'S VISIT TO NABLUS AND AFTERMATH

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 562, (B) JERUSALEM 593, (C) JERUSALEM 594

1. DURING APRIL 28 CALL ON HIKMAT AL MASRI, NABLUS NOTABLE, HE RECOUNTED RECENT DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY RABBI MEIR KAHAN'S VISIT TO NABLUS ON APRIL 17 (REFTEL A). HE SAID THAT NABLUS MAYOR SHAK'A HAD ATTEMPTED TO SEE MILITARY GOVERNOR BEFORE KAHANE VISIT TO WARN HIM THAT VISIT WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS DISTURBANCES. MILGOV REFUSED TO SEE SHAK'A AT THAT TIME AND INDICATED THAT HE COULD DO NOTHING TO PREVENT VISIT.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL B & C, AL MASRI CONFIRMED THAT NABLUS HAS BEEN SCENE OF CONTINUAL UNREST, DEMONSTRATIONS AND MILGOV SUPPRESSION SINCE APRIL 17. MOST RECENT TROUBLES WERE ON APRIL 27 WHEN MILGOV AUTHORITIES IMPOSED CURFEW IN CASBAH
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AND WENT IN DURING EVENING AND ORDERED ALL MALES OUT ON THE STREET WHERE ISRAELIS FORCED THEM TO DO CALISTHENICS AND CONFISCATED IDENTITY CARDS. ON ANOTHER MATTER RELATED TO NABLUS TRESIONS, AL MASRI ALSO CONFIRMED PRESS REPORT THAT ISRAELI MILITARY HAD SEALED OFF ALL BUT ONE ROOM OF RESIDENCE AND DEMOLISHED SOME BUILDINGS ON PROPERTY OF NABLUSI WHOSE SONE (ONE OF 12 CHILDREN) HAD BEEN ARRESTED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

3. AL MASRI WARNED THAT KAHANE COULD BE KILLED IF HE ATTEMPTED TO RETURN TO NABLUS AS SCHEDULED ON MAY 6 TO LAY WHAT KAHANE DESCRIBES AS CORNERSTONE FOR JEWISH QUARTER IN OLD SECTION OF NABLUS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GENERAL ORLY HAS REPORTEDLY WARNED KAHANE NOT TO ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO NABLUS WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION, WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THAT KAHANE CAN BE CONTROLLED. BASED ON OUR READING OF CURRENT SITUATION IN NABLUS, IF KAHANE ATTEMPTS TO RETURN IN NEAR FUTURE ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN.
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